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8. Markets how supplied.

9. Progress of agricultural operations, state of standing crops, prospects and probable outturn of harvests, serious damage done to crops by insects or other natural calamities.

10. Prospects of season, tracts in which the rainfall has been insufficient, areas affected by scarcity, number of people under relief, and state of food stocks.

11. Public health.

12. Remarks as to the condition of agricultural stock, failure of pasturage of fodder, etc.

BANGALORE CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION.

(FOR WEEK ENDING 3RD APRIL 1909).

	Average for the past five years of the corresponding week.	*Current.*	
Prices of food grains—Rice ...	7·2	*5½ to 5¾	seers per rupee.
Ragi ...	18·1	10¾ to 11¼	

* Rangoon rice, 2 sort, 8 seers per rupee.

Agricultural operations.—Collection of manure.

Cattle are in good condition. Water and fodder sufficient.

(FOR WEEK ENDING 10TH APRIL 1909).

	Average for the past five years of the corresponding week.	*Current.*	
Prices of food grains—Rice ...	7·2	*5¾ to 6	seers per rupee.
Ragi ...	18·1	10¾ to 11¼	

* Rangoon rice, 2nd sort, is sold, at 8 seers per rupee.

Large quantity of rice having been imported into the station during the week, prices have fallen a little.

Agricultural operations.—Collection of manure.

Cattle are in good condition. Water and fodder sufficient.

BANGALORE CITY AND TALUKS.

8. Market generally well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing and manuring of fields are going on in parts of the Bangalore, Hoskote, Magadi, Devanhalli, Nelamangala and Channapatna Taluks and the Closepet Sub-Taluk.

Standing crop.—Condition of sugar-cane is fair in parts of the Hoskote and Magadi Taluks; moderate in the Nelamangala, Kankanhalli and Devanhalli Taluks; and withering for want of water in the Hoskote and Anekal Taluks.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane is being planted in parts of the Bangalore, Nelamangala and Magadi Taluks.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane is being milled in parts of the Hoskote Taluk and is being harvested in the Nelamangala Taluk; kadle is also being harvested in parts of the Dodballapur Taluk.

10. It is reported that the prospects of the season are moderate in the Bangalore, Nelamangala, Kankanhalli, Magadi and Devanhalli Taluks; fair in Channapatna and not encouraging in the Hoskote Taluk and the Closepet Sub-Taluk. Kadnur tank in the Dodballapur Taluk has received one month's supply of water. Scarcity is felt in some villages of the Bangalore, Hoskote, Dodballapur and Devanhalli Taluks.

Number of persons employed in tank and well works are—Three hundred and sixty-four in the Bangalore District, 74 in the Hoskote Taluk, 282 in the Dodballapur Taluk, 385 in the Nelamangala Taluk, 60 in the Magadi Taluk and 122 in the Devanhalli Taluk.

Number of persons in receipt of gratuitous relief are—One hundred and fifty-six in the Dodballapur Taluk, 15 in the Nelamangala Taluk and 30 in the Magadi Taluk. Food stuffs are generally available in all the taluks except Dodballapur where the same is reported to be not available in sufficiently large quantities.

11. Except for small-pox, cholera, measles and hooping cough in parts of the district, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" and "Galisake" are prevailing among cattle in parts of the district. Water and fodder are available for the present in the Bangalore, Hoskote and Nelamangala Taluks. They are insufficient in the Dodballapur Taluk and moderate in the Kankanhalli Taluk. Fodder available in the Magadi, Anekal and Devanhalli Taluks and the Closepet Sub-Taluk; and insufficient in the Channapatna Taluk. Well water is being drawn and used for cattle in some places of the Hoskote, Magadi, Channapatna, Anekal and Devanhalli Taluks and the Closepet Sub-Taluk. Water scarcity is felt in the Magadi and Anekal Taluks and the Closepet Sub-Taluk.

KOLAR.

8. Market moderately supplied.

9. *Standing crops* under *kapile* wells are reported to be in fairly good condition.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane in parts of the Chintamani, Chikballapur and Bagepalli Taluks.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane in the Bowringpet and Chikballapur Taluks; jolam in the Bagepalli and Goribidnur Taluks and in the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk; and Bengal gram in the Goribidnur Taluk.

Outturn of harvest.—

Sugar-cane in the Bowringpet and Chikballapur Taluks, yield from 2 to 8 annas.

Jolam in the Bagepalli and Goribidnur Taluks and the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk, yield from 4 to 8 annas.

Bengal gram in the Goribidnur Taluk, yield 8 annas.]

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Prices of food stuffs still continue to be very high. The recent rainfall in the Bowringpet and Malur Taluks has been somewhat beneficial; the sky is cloudy. The measures adopted to relieve distress in the affected parts of the district are still continued.

11. Except for cholera in parts of Kolar and small-pox in parts of the Bowringpet and Sidlaghatta Taluks, public health generally good.

12. Rinderpest is reported to be still prevailing in parts of the district. Water and fodder moderately sufficient.

TUMKUR.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—Crops under wells in the Maddagiri Taluk; cholum and Bengal gram in tank beds in the Sira, Tiptur and Pavagada Taluks; and sugar-cane in the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk, are reported to be withering for want of rain. The rest are in moderately good condition.

Crops sown.—Sugar-cane in the Koratagere Sub-Taluk; and cholum in the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane in the Tumkur Taluk and the Koratagere and Turuvekere Sub-Taluks; cholum in the Maddagiri and Sira Taluks and the Koratagere and Turuvekere Sub-Taluks; and cholum, nati ragi, navane and Bengal gram in the Pavagada Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season appear to be encouraging and rain has fallen in some parts of the district. There is not much change in the general condition of the district which remains the same as in the last week. The measures adopted for relief of distress in the affected parts are still in progress. Prices of food grains are high.

11. Except for cholera, plague and small-pox in certain villages in the district, public health is generally good.

12. "Dod Roga," "Chappe Roga" and "Foot and mouth disease" are prevailing in some parts of the district. Scarcity for water and fodder is being felt in many parts of the district. Temporary wells are being dug in several villages to mitigate water scarcity. Fodder for cattle is being imported in certain villages of the Sira, Tiptur and Kunigal Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk. Date leaves are also being used for the same purpose in the taluks of Chiknayakanhalli and Sira. Water is being bailed out from wells for cattle in certain villages of the Maddagiri, Sira, Gubbi and Tiptur Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk.

MYSORE.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands all over the district are being ploughed and sown. *Standing crops* are reported to be in fair condition. But mulberry in parts of the T.-Narsipur Taluk is reported to be withering.

Crops sown.—Cholum, castor and togari in parts of the Chamrajnagar Taluk; cholum in parts of the Mysore, Gundlupet, T.-Narsipur and Malvalli Taluks; cholum and til in parts of the Nanjangud Taluk; and cholum, til and halasande in parts of the Krishnarajpete Taluk, are being sown.

Crop harvested.—Cotton is being harvested in parts of the Nanjangud Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season, though indifferent in parts, are getting more hopeful with the recent rains. Food stuffs are available in all the taluks, except Nagamangala, where they are reported to have run short. One hundred and fourteen persons in the Mandya Taluk are reported to be under gratuitous relief. It is reported that up to the end of the last week in the Krishnarajpete Taluk, Rs. 376-10-8 have been paid to coolies employed on tank works and that ragi worth Rs. 326-15-7 has been gratuitously distributed to relieve distress.

11. Except for plague in parts of the Mysore, Hunsur and Nanjangud Taluks, cholera in parts of the Hunsur Taluk and small-pox in parts of the Malvalli Taluk, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" and "Chappe Roga" are prevailing in parts of the district. Tanks in parts of the Mandya Taluk are reported to be running dry. Temporary wells are being sunk wherever difficulty for water is felt. Fodder is scarce in parts of the Mandya Taluk.

HASSAN.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands are being ploughed and manured in parts of the district.

Standing crops.—Sugar-cane is withering in parts of the Hassan, Belur and Hole-Narsipur Taluks; but it has revived to some extent in parts of the Channarayapatna Taluk owing to the fall of the recent showers there. Kar paddy is in fair condition in the Manjarabad Taluk.

Estimated outturn of harvest.—Sugar-cane in the Channarayapatna Taluk, Yield 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season generally fair, except in the Channarayapatna and Arsikere Taluks and in parts of the Belur and Hole-Narsipur Taluks, where they are not encouraging. It is hoped that the local showers reported this week will improve the seasonal conditions to some extent. Food stuffs are available.

11. Cholera is reported to be prevailing in some parts of the Hassan and Arkalgud Taluks.

12. Cattle are not in good condition in parts of the district "Dod Roga" is prevalent in parts of the Manjarabad Taluk and the Alur Sub-Taluk. It has abated in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk. About 100 cattle were inoculated during the week in the Arsikere Taluk. Water and fodder are available in limited quantities. Paddy straw continues to be imported into the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks. Date leaves are also being used in the latter taluk. It is reported that the cattle of the latter taluk, which had been taken to the malnad for grazing, have been brought back. Temporary wells have been sunk in tank beds, wherever necessary.

SHIMOGA.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands are being ploughed and manured throughout the disirict.

Standing crop.—Sugar-cane in all parts of the district is in moderately good condition. But in the maidan taluks, it requires more rain.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane in some parts of the Shimoga, Nagar and Sagar Taluks.

Crop harvested.—Sugar-cane in the Hassan Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season uncertain. Food stuffs are available but their prices continue to be high.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Water and fodder are available for the present. "Dod Roga" is prevalent in some parts of the Shimoga, Channagiri and Honnali Taluks.

KADUR.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing in Chikmagalur, Tarikere, Mudgere, Yedahalli and Sringeri, and planting of sugar-cane in parts of Tarikere and Yedahalli, are going on.

Standing crops are in unsatisfactory condition for want of timely and sufficient rain.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

Kadur—Sugar-cane, yield 8 annas.

Koppa—Pepper and sugar-cane, yield on a small scale.

Yedahalli—Sugar-cane, yield from 8 to 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season continue to be the same as in the previous weeks. But during the week there was light rain in all the taluk Head-quarters, except Kadur and Tarikere. Sky is cloudy and people are looking forward anxiously for more rain throughout the district. Food stuffs are available, but their prices still continue to be high.

11. Except for plague in Sollebile village, Koppa Taluk, and cholera in the town of Sringeri, public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy. "Dod Roga" in the Chikmagalur Taluk and "Foot and mouth disease" in the Kadur and Tarikere Taluks, are reported to be declining. Water and fodder are available in the malnad parts; but difficulty is felt in procuring them in the maidan parts of the district.

CHITALDRUG.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops,* except those under *kapile* wells and channels, are reported to be withering for want of rain.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

Navane and jola in the Challakere Taluk, yield 4 annas.

Paddy in the Holalkere and Hosdurga Taluks, yield from 2½ to 6 annas.

10. Prospects of the season fair, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Jagalur and Hosdurga Taluks. Food stuffs available. Report continues to be the same as in the previous weeks as regards the demand for labour in the affected parts of the district and the measures adopted to relieve the distress. The recent showers of rain during the past and present weeks (though small in quantity), have enabled the raiyats to prepare their lands to some extent. There has been rainfall from ¼ to 1 *hada* (inch) in certain villages. Heavy clouds are seen gathering almost every day for the past few days promising to better the prospects of the season.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle healthy, except in certain parts of the district, where Rinderpest is prevailing. Water and fodder available, except in the affected parts of the district and in Molakalmuru. Fodder being insufficient in certain places is being bought by some at very high rates. Those that cannot-afford to pay such high prices take their cattle to forests for grazing. Date leaves are also being used in some places. Water is made available in places where it could not be had by deepening existing wells and by sinking new ones.

BANGALORE,
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